

## SPORTS

### EVERS GREATEST OF BALL PLAYERS

(By Tim Murnane, Sporting Editor.)

One great all-round ball player will make a ball team, as Cobb has Detroit, Wagner, Pittsburgh, or Mathewson New York, but where can you find these men?

I heard quite an argument between a lot of crack ball players at McGraw's place last night during the big meeting about who was the most valuable ball player in the country to a team, and it finally settled down to Wagner of Pittsburgh, Evers of Chicago, and Cobb of Detroit.

Hugh Jennings figured that Ty Cobb was the most valuable man in the country to a team.

He is a remarkable all-round batsman, who can beat out bunts and then clean up the bases with a long drive, and the greatest run getter of the age, always in condition and a fighter from start to finish, said McGraw.

McGraw thought that "Hans" Wagner was the most valuable man for a team, as he was a remarkable all-round batsman, a run getter, always in the game, and placed in the infield, full of inspiration.

Hugh Duffy and Joe Kelly picked Johnny Evers as the most valuable man for a ball team, on the ground that he was a natural leader, as well as a remarkable all-round ball player.

Evers' great knowledge of inside ball, his quickness in taking advantage of his opponent's weakness, gave him the edge, in the opinion of Duffy and Kelly.

William Keeler, Capt. Anson, Tom McCarthy, Roger Bresnahan and Jack Dunn took a hand in the fanning bee, and while the general opinion seemed to give Wagner the best of it, the line of dope put by Duffy and Kelly forced the gathering to admit that Evers was a candy kid.

Evers sat back with a friend and enjoyed the comparisons. It was the general impression of this congress of baseball talent that Evers was about the only prominent member of the great Chicago Cubs team that had not reached the height of his work on the ball field.

All the players of the once invincible team were slowing up, some growing tired and indifferent as a result of remaining too long in one city, where the public has grown careless unless the team is always in the lead.

It's the leader this year that counts in baseball, and not the champions of one year ago. The fact is, there is too much expected of the average ball player, and now that the National League has decided to play a schedule of 158 games, it will be more difficult than ever to keep the boys keyed up from start to finish.

Jimmy Collins the famous old Boston player, was with the Minneapolis club last season in the American association, and has told me that the one unpleasant feature in that league was the large number of games played.

"Before the season was two-thirds over," said Collins, "many of the players were tired out, especially the pitchers, and I heard nothing but complaints from the players, who felt they were being overworked."

To do their best ball playing the boys must have an appetite for each game. If overworked, they lose the dash and staying powers necessary to give the public a fair run for its money, and in time the attendance is bound to fall off.

Champagne without bubbles is tame stuff. Baseball games without ginger are worse.

You can overwork ball players, not the ones who save their salary wings, but the willing fellow who is out for every game, bent on landing the money.

WOLGAST AND NELSON FIGHT MUCH ALIKE.

The Sturdy Lightweights Have Same Style of Milling.

(By W. W. Naughton.)

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Just how many theatrical engagements Battling Nelson was compelled to cancel was not made known in his announcement that he would leave for the coast to begin training for Alvin Karpis, but the chances are that the Dane garnered everything worth while along the foot-light route before he turned his thoughts to fighting again.

It is satisfactory to learn at that Nelson is coming direct to San Francisco and that he will lose no time in beginning his preparations for his Washington birthday contest with Ad Wolgast. Sometimes these world champions like to keep the sporting public guessing as to their intentions, but Nelson apparently is not of that variety. He says he is going to get right into harness with the English matchmakers who wanted him to box Freddie Welsh either in London town or at some point in Wales. Nelson intimates that he might accept the English offer, but there was never the slightest danger of the Dane doing anything of the kind. He simply used the British fight handlers as a counter irritant and by doing so probably secured a bigger certainty in the money line than he would have done if there had been no bids for a Nelson-Freddie Welsh fight.

Nelson knows better than anybody

that he would be at a disadvantage fighting in an English ring. The rules provide for clean breaks and the Dane would be able to make absolutely no headway under such conditions. If he tells the truth—now that he has secured the financial terms he was after—he had no idea of crossing the pond to box Welsh.

If Nelson were asked to choose between Welsh and Wolgast for an opponent in this country even he would probably name Wolgast. Welsh is one of your fly away boxers who keeps jumping in with stinging stabs and then hopping out of harm's way. With an opponent of that kind all Nelson can do is to stand the gaff and wait till the man in front of him begins to tire. If the other fellow happens to be as well conditioned as the Dane the outlook is none too good for the Dane.

Wolgast fights the way Nelson fights. He goes close to his man and becomes busy. Nelson would rather tackle a man of that description any day than a high-stepper like English Freddie Welsh.

## KNIGHT VICTOR IN FINE FINISH

Oakland, Jan. 12.—In one of the best finishes of the season, Silver Knight beat Port Johnson, favorite, for the Alameda handicap at Emeryville today. Arasee was withdrawn, leaving five to take the starter. Port Johnson was making his first appearance, but was regarded as best and was heavily played.

Frank Ferris, heavily supported, won the two-year-old event in fast time.

First race, six furlongs, selling—Wap, 4 to 1, won; Burnell, 12 to 1, second; Lady Rensselaer, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:15.35.

Second race, three furlongs, purse—Frank Ferris, 3 to 2, won; Soon, 12 to 1, second; Amargosa, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:35.35.

Third race, futurity course, selling—John H. Sheehan, 11 to 5, won; Nagazam, 3 to 1, second; E. M. Fry, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:10.

Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth, Alameda handicap—Silver Knight, 13 to 5, won; Port Johnson, 11 to 5, second; Raleigh, 16 to 5, third. Time, 1:46.25.

Fifth race, one mile, selling—John Louis, won; Bishop W., 3 to 1, second; Temper and Round, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:41.35.

Sixth race, five furlongs, purse—Copper Town, 4 to 1, won; Daddy Gip, 7 to 10, second; Binocular, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:00.

## TIGHT FINISH IN THE TAMPA RACES

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 12.—One of the largest crowds of the season was out today. The feature was the race between Jubilee and Bobby Cook, the former winning by a head.

First race, about three furlongs—Oracle, won; Colette, second; Cold Fish, third. Time, 36.25.

Second race, five furlongs, selling—Temper, won; Glysmic, second; Lady Helena, third. Time, 1:06.

Third race, five furlongs—Fundamental, won; St. Deniol, second; Billy Hibbs, third. Time, 1:11.45.

Fourth race, seven furlongs, selling—Great Jubilee, won; Bobby Cook, second; Uncle Jim, third. Time, 1:34.

Fifth race, five furlongs, selling—Bonnie Bee, won; Brookline, second; Lottie Darr, third. Time, 1:06.

Sixth race, mile, selling—Edwin L. won; Cassowary, second; Otego, third. Time, 1:48.25.

## SPELLBOUND EASILY TAKES THE FEATURE

Jacksonville, Jan. 12.—Warmer weather prevailed here today. Rose Arkle, at 8 to 1, proved the good thing in the opening event, winning easily from the favorite, Bertha E.

The feature race was the Lake City stakes, over a distance of one mile, Spellbound, with Henry up, had the race his own way all the way and won easily, the price on him at closing time being 5 to 1. Summary:

First race, five furlongs—Breeders' purse—Rose Arkle, won; Bertha E., second; Profit, third. Time, 1:02.35.

Second race, seven furlongs, selling—Furnace, won; Ozama, second; Ballo, third. Time, 1:13.25.

Third race, seven furlongs, selling—Grande Dame, won; Aunt Kate, second; Flanery, third. Time, 1:28.15.

Fourth race, Lake City stakes, mile—Spellbound, won; Campagner, second; Plint, third. Time, 1:40.45.

Fifth race, mile—Stoneman, won; Cablegram, second; Elysium, third. Time, 1:42.

Sixth race, mile and a sixteenth, selling—Roseboro, won; Elgin, second; Billy Pullman, third. Time, 1:49.35.

## TWO FAVORITES WIN OVER HEAVY COURSE

Juarez, Jan. 12.—The races at Terrazas park today were run over a very heavy track and only two favorites won. Chief interest centered in the baby race and resulted in a very easy victory for the favorite, Royal

Prince, who won, eased up by ten lengths.

First race, five and a half furlongs—Ardenta, won; Lykers, second; Miss Danville, third. Time, 1:13.25.

Second race, seven furlongs—Ban Lady, won; Billy Mayhue, second; Kiddy Lee, third. Time, 1:25.

Third race, three furlongs—The Royal Prince, won; Morning Song, second; Rue, third. Time, 36.35.

Fourth race, five and a half furlongs—Miss Nugent, won; Seadeck, second; Minnie Bright, third. Time, 1:13.45.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Bonnie Prince Charlie, won; Doctor Mack, second; Dr. Downie, third. Time, 1:20.35.

Sixth race, mile—Pedro, won; Ocean Queen, second; Fred Mulholland, third. Time, 1:48.

## GUN CLUB SELECTS ANTOINE FOR PRESIDENT

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Charles Antoine was elected president of the Chicago Gun club at the annual meeting held last night. Edward Harpan was chosen vice president, while C. P. Zacher was voted into the secretary-treasurership.

Plans for the holding of the grand American handicap here next June were also discussed, but nothing definite was done. The date was not decided upon, but will be when Elmer Shiner, secretary of the Interstate association, arrives here next week. He will also have the task of making the final arrangements for the big shooting event.

## JOCKEY LITTLEWOOD DEAD.

Missoula, Mont., Jan. 12.—John Littlewood, one of the jockeys who contributed to the racing successes of the late Marcus Daly, died today, at Hamilton, the site of the training stables of the dead millionaire turfman. Littlewood's death would be a great loss to the racing world.

## HOUSE ADOPTS DRASTIC BILL

Washington, Jan. 12.—Drastic action looking toward the suppression of the "white slave" traffic in the United States was taken up in the house today.

If the bill is adopted by the senate it will be unlawful for any person to provide transportation from one state to another for any person who engages in prostitution or other immoral practices. The mere purchase of a ticket for a woman, whereby she would be "enabled or assisted" to go from state to state for immoral purposes, will render the purchaser liable to ten years' imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine.

Immoral alien women are to be deported whenever they are discovered and their procurers are to be excluded, deported and punished.

"It is intended that this measure shall be drastic," declared Representative Bennett of New York, in charge of the measure, and co-author of it.

"This infamous 'white slave' traffic must be broken up, and the immigration committee believes the remedial measure will survive every constitutional test to which it may be subjected."

Chairman Mann of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, who said yesterday that he was not opposed to the bill, sprang a surprise upon its defenders by aiming to recommit the measure. The motion was lost by a vote of 26 to 174.

Whatever opposition there was to certain sections of the pending bill few members seemed anxious to have themselves placed on record as voting against it and only an oral vote was taken on its passage.

## EAMES WINS WORLD'S BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP

New York, Jan. 12.—Fred Eames of Denver won the world's championship at three cushion carom billiards to-night from Alfred De Oro, Cuban, in the third block of fifty points, by a final score of 150 to 137.

De Oro played a plucky uphill game, scoring 76 to his opponent's 50 to-night, but was unable to overcome the lead of 39 points which Eames had at the end of the second block last night when the score stood 100 to 61. Eames high run was 4 to De Oro's five.

## COHEN AND GIRL ARE TAKEN HOME

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Roberta De Janon, the Philadelphia heiress, and Frederick Cohen, the waiter, with whom she eloped on December 29, left for Philadelphia today with Detective Sergeant A. J. Emanuel and James Scanlan. The party is due tomorrow afternoon in Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia detectives observed the greatest secrecy in getting the elopers out of the city. They were taken to the depot in a closed carriage, were smuggled into the baggage room and taken to a room below in a freight elevator. From here they hurried aboard the train and the curtains of the drawing room and sections reserved were drawn.

Cohen's picture and measurements by the Bertillon system were taken.

## SHERIFF SAVES MAN FROM MOB VENGEANCE

Leavenworth, Kas., Jan. 12.—Reports of a mob forming for the purpose of lynching Jenks Proctor, a negro accused of murder, caused Sheriff Brown to rush the man to the state prison at Lansing for safe keeping to-night.

Proctor shot and killed W. G. Devlin, a policeman and wounded Patrick J. Sweeney another patrolman here today. The shooting followed an attempt of the officers to arrest Proctor on a charge of disturbing the peace.

SLANG AS A PART OF OUR LANGUAGE.

## THIRTY DIE IN WRECK AT SEA

Marshall, Ore., Jan. 12.—The Southern Pacific company's steamer Carina which left this port for San Francisco this afternoon lies a total wreck on the north spit of the Coos Bay bar and thirty-one lives are believed to have been lost. There appears to be no hope that any of the crew will reach shore alive.

The steamer left port this evening breaking over the bar as the Carina attempted to pass out into the ocean those on shore who had gathered to watch the departure of the boat suddenly were startled to see the Carina sweeping toward the North Spit. Her engines apparently had been disabled. The heavy seas seemed almost to envelop the steamer and she drifted rapidly on to the spit at a point about a mile above the jetty. The disabled

vessel pounded heavily while great waves swept over her.

The crew crowded into the rigging and could be seen making frantic gestures for help, while hundreds on shore, among them C. J. Mills, manager of the steamship company whose son was on board the Carina were compelled to stand idly by and see man after man washed overboard.

So rough was the sea that all efforts of the life saving crew to launch a boat were in vain while attempt after attempt to shoot a line from shore across the vessel also failed. The distance was too great.

As darkness fell, only a few of the crew were seen to still clinging to the wreck but it is believed that any of these can survive the night.

The Carina carried a crew of nine officers and twenty-one men.

## COTTON OFFERS NEW SENSATION

New York, Jan. 12.—There was a further big break in the cotton market today, making the third sensational slump in prices since the movement started early last week. Panic stricken longs in all parts of the world seemed to be liquidating their cotton regardless of prices, and the action of the market showed such intense excitement and demoralization as finds a parallel only in the series of sensational movements following the collapse of the Sully boom.

For more than a year, the cotton market has been steadily advancing and toward the end of last month prices had reached a level which since the Civil war had only been equaled when Sully was at the height of his fame, March contracts, selling at 16.17 and May at 16.46.

But the culminating point of today's decline, March contracts sold at 14.60 and May at 14.78, a loss from the high record of from 7.55 to 8.40 per bale, almost all of which has occurred during the last week.

The decline from the closing prices of last night amounted to more than \$3.50 per bale.

There does not appear to have been any change in general trade to warrant the almost unprecedented slump in prices and in contrast to the Sully year no financial difficulties have been precipitated.

## THE FRED J. KIESEL CO. GENERAL AGENTS

Have received the subjoined:

To Our Friends and Patrons:

The California Winery doesn't make a practice of tooting its own horn very much and therefore asks your indulgence for sending the following short item of news that came to us a few days ago by telegram from Seattle, from The Alaska-Yukon Exposition:

"California Winery awarded gold medals for several of its wines above all other California competition—Cordova, Sauterne, Claret, Zinfandel, Burgundy, Port, Sherry and Angelica. Silver medal for Riesling."

This is indeed good and gratifying news to us and will be welcomed, too, by our many friends and patrons. It is all the more gratifying because we were not aware the wines were being judged, and even at this writing, do not know who the judges were. We believe, therefore, that true merit must surely have provoked the awards to "Cordova, the Wine of Quality."

Very truly yours, CALIFORNIA WINERY, E. M. SHEEHAN, Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mgr.

## INSANE MOTHER TAKEN FROM TRAIN

Salt Lake City, Jan. 12.—Disconnected in the extreme were the statements made by a woman taken from the Oregon Short Line train in this city shortly before 10 o'clock this morning by Patrolman Gillespie.

The woman was accompanied by a big brown eyed baby boy about 14 months old, who like the woman, was well dressed. When taken to the police station the baby made a hit with every person who entered the chief's office, while his mother was being questioned by the officers. He was not old enough to talk, but as he toddled about the office with a nursing bottle in his hand he made a friend of every man in the office. At noon today the mother and child were taken in charge by Matron Gifford, who will attend to their wants until the husband of the woman can be heard from.

The local police have learned that the woman is Mrs. J. S. McMichael and that her husband is a civil or mining engineer near Twin Falls, Idaho. The woman seemed dazed as she

talked, but showed the mother love for the little son who was with her. "Please ask them to get me some clean clothing for Frances," said she, despite the fact that the little fellow was dressed in an immaculate suit of white.

Mrs. McMichael has a through ticket to Chicago, from which point she says she is going to her old home in Pittsburg. This morning when the Oregon Short Line train from Idaho reached Ogden and the conductor asked the woman to change cars for the east, she refused to leave the train, and before it reached this city the local officers were notified that an insane woman was on the train.

Officer Gillespie took the woman in charge at the depot while the conductor took care of the baby.

At the police station Dr. Steel after a long conversation with the woman said he believed the woman was suffering from temporary insanity due to worry and travel. It is believed that with a little rest the woman will be all right.

## OFFICIALS DENY CONSPIRACY.

Lisbon, Jan. 12.—The officials denied today that a conspiracy against the life of King Emanuel had been found. The announcement of the conspiracy was made by the police yesterday.

## PITCHER STALEY DEAD.

Springfield, Ills., Jan. 12.—Harry Staley of this city, formerly pitcher with Boston, St. Louis, Pittsburg and other National league teams, died in Battle Creek, Mich., today following an operation. He was 44 years old.

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There are about twenty-five spears in every Del Monte can. The price per can is 35c everywhere.

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